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Values at Work

For the last several months this column has featured our mission values and criteria. These values are the product of multiplied months of praying, discussing, and refining ideas and dreams from a relational rather than a functional paradigm. Simply put, mission is about *key relationships* with people, not just getting the job done.

To activate these values our staff has had to make many tough choices and decisions regarding places and people in mission that no longer fit the criteria. As difficult as these decisions were to make, knowing the values behind each decision gave clarity and confidence to the task.

As summer comes to a close and autumn is in the air, we have an opportunity to enjoy the fruit of our values. Our mission representatives in Romania and India spent a good part of the summer home for strategic life exchange (one of our values.) Repeatedly, each one expressed how vital and important this time was to their family life, spiritual health, and for a renewing of vision for future ministry. In retrospect we can see many strengths and benefits that have come from hammering out a set of mission values. The conclusion: *choices made from values really work.*

Prayer Targets:

- **Workers in China (RCMI):** Refreshing, strength, grace, increased financial support
- **Upcoming mission to China** Wisdom and unity in preparation.
- **Provision for the team -** financially, spiritually, physically: Steve/Lorraine Box, Dave/Phyllis Miller/Terrie Phillips/Joyce Milton/Joe Hagerty

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Changing the Lives of Leaders!

Next Sunday (Warchest offering for October) we will be receiving the final Warchest offering for the pastors' conference in Bokaro, India. I thought you might enjoy hearing a description of the conference in Anjan Biswas's own words:

"In February, 2005 we will be having a five-day residential pastors' conference in a city called Bokaro, which is five hours away by train from Calcutta. This will be the third time that we are able to have this type of conference. About 400 pastors and their wives will come from five to six different surrounding states. In the last conference we had (which was 2 years ago) we witnessed an unprecedented move of the Spirit of God during those five days. Heaven unleashed itself on these people. Miracles became a common place. But the most important miracles happened in the lives of those pastors...they were radically touched and transformed. The team that came from the USA served these Indian leaders and their families with Christ like servant hood. They imparted to them the things of Heaven. For five days we feasted and were drenched in the river of God. When a shepherd changes...the sheep follow!"

"The physical poverty of India is an absolute reflection of the spiritual poverty. For the past two years these pastors have waited for another conference and written numerous letters and made phone calls asking when we will have one again. They are hungry and thirsty for another outpouring of the move of the Spirit of God.

Now, God has once again given us another opportunity to minister to these national leaders. He is putting together a radical and anointed team of men and women to minister in this conference. In India there is very little ministry geared towards the wives of pastors and leaders. I know this for a fact...my mother was the wife of a pastor. So we will have separate sessions of ministry 'for women by women'."

"God is also in the process of providing the necessary funds for this conference. And for some amazing reason this Owner of the entire universe loves to involve His people in the process of providing resources. He really doesn't have to do that...He who can find money in

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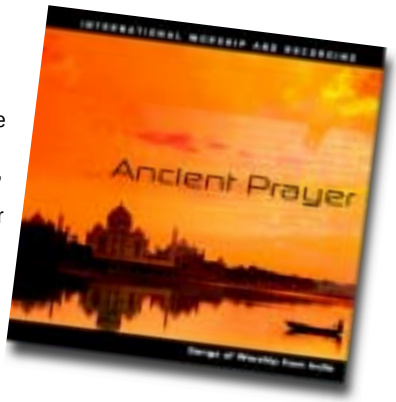
No Need For the Glass Eye!

Bill and Carol are reporting many miracles from their Brazil trip. Here is just a sample, "... last night as we went into ministry again, I had the pastors and us pray for the blind, deaf, cancer and terminal illnesses. I had prophesied Thursday that the wife of the pastor would be the catalyst for healing in this church, and it was immediately borne out in ministry. I had her pray for this little old lady who had blindness, some deafness, and difficulty walking. Within minutes the woman was yelling and walking all around. She had not even been able to see some flags 10 feet away, and now she could describe the colors and all the features. Ears opened, and all her pain left! Then, the anointing just poured out like the floodgates had been opened. Raimunda was scheduled to have her left eye replaced by a glass eye next month—not now, she can see! I prayed for Neide and Anna Maria at the same time, with others helping, for deafeness and both got up from the floor hearing whispers—something they definitely could not do before." For more testimonies of their trip or upcoming itinerary visit www.dewnamis.com.

IWAR Songs Sweep a Nation

Allen Ganta, one of IWAR's students from India has composed the theme song for the national AIDS prevention program. This song will reach every public school in India. Currently, Allen is composing a theme song for the Billy Graham crusade for the nation of India. The theme song will be translated into eight Indian languages and appear with every Billy Graham radio program, advertisement, CD, video, and DVD distributed in that nation. We praise God for His divine acceleration as we remember that Allen wrote his first song in last year's IWAR school.

Allen's CD is available here! contact Dan McCollam for more information.



Refreshing His Servants

Hundreds of men and women are in prison serving sentences that range from a few months to life. They are not criminals who have robbed or murdered other citizens but Christians who were put on trial for their faith in Christ and found guilty. They could have avoided prison by simply denying allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, they are literally "doing time for God."

Part of our mission in China is to bless and refresh those that minister to the leaders of China facing persecution and imprisonment every day. The Apostle Paul prayed a special blessing over a young man named Onesiphorus because *"...he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains."* We have determined in our hearts that those suffering for the Gospel today will not be forgotten. CLC is commissioning a team to minister to these workers in late November. Let's keep them covered in prayer that they might be a source of blessing and refreshing to his servants.)

For more on those imprisoned for the Gospel visit www.persecution.com

Vacaville's Unexplained Encounters

Don't be surprised if next time you order an Espresso Macchiato you get a little something extra with your order. Several ladies from the church have been conducting a Contact Group in Starbucks (by Brendan Theatre) for the last six months. Their mission – to share prophetic words of encouragement and destiny with pre-Christians. For many, this has been an "unexplained encounter" of the supernatural kind.

Last week I was in a coffee meeting with a brother and observed our ladies at work. It was fun to observe them breaking the ice with other customers and watching the reactions of those they spoke to. Keep it up ladies! May God continue to bless you by filling your mouth with His words and your lives with supernatural assignments!

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the mouth of a fish? He, who can tell a raven to feed His prophet? But I suspect He does that because He so desperately wants to bless us according to His Word."

So the question is: "Hey! You wanna be involved in a fund-raiser with Jehovah Jirah? Do You?" Or maybe He will gently let you know that He desperately needs you on this "watch" to pray for this pastors' conference that He is orchestrating. Or just maybe He will tug at your heart and will give you an inescapable burden for this spiritually dark nation of India...specially the central and northern belt where very few people come to minister.

I need your prayers as I go about organizing for this conference. I so wish I could explain India to you and how things move here...but on second thoughts I won't even try, because I couldn't. But please allow me to give you one example. The last time we had to book the conference hall we needed the signatures of eight different government officers to just apply for the permission which took months to get. Welcome to India."

Mission Calendar

San Francisco Outreach (City Ministries, Int'l)
Every Friday Night

Feeding the Hungry
Every Sunday

Prison Ministry
Every Tuesday Night

China
Late November

India
February 2005

Sierra Leone
February 2005

China
April 2005